

REMARKS

Currently pending are Claims 112-114 and 128-129, of which Claims 112-114 and 129 are independent. Claims 112 and 113 stand allowed. Claim 114 currently stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of U.S. Patent No. 5,158,293 (Mullins), U.S. Patent No. 5,332,219 (Marnell II et al.), and U.S. Patent No. 6,749,500 (Nelson et al.). New Claims 128 and 129 have been added. Claims 1-111 and 115-127 had either been canceled prior to this response, or are canceled herein.

On June 27, 2007, Michael H. Baniak, attorney for Applicant, spoke by telephone with the Examiner about the pending claims. During that conversation, Applicant and the Examiner agreed that Applicant would submit a proposed amendment for the Examiner's consideration. Applicant submitted that proposed amendment by fax that day. On Monday, July 23, 2007, Applicant and Examiner again spoke by telephone, this time discussing the fact that the Examiner had agreed to issue a Notice of Allowance based on the proposed amendment, the cancellation of all other claims, and the RCE filed herewith. This amendment tracks that agreed-upon amendment. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of the multiple discussions, and respectfully requests that Notice of Allowance.

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